

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 8, lines 5-13, please amend the specification as follows:

The specified speeds  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$  and  $n_3$  can be freely selected within the limits specified ~~herein by the claims~~. In order to achieve optimum effects, fixed machine parameters must also be taken into account for the choice of speed, which are obtained from the dimensions of the laundry drum, its flooding holes, the entrainers, the scooping device and the resonance speed. The radius of the laundry drum is especially crucial when selecting the speed since the radius fundamentally determines the applicational rotational speed. Thus, the advantageous nominal values of the speeds are predefined by predefining the circumferential speed of the laundry drum. For example, the circumferential speed of the laundry drum at the speed ( $n_3$ ) for high washing mechanics can lie in the interval of 1.1 to 1.6 m/s. The nominal value of the first speed ( $n_1$ ) can be selected so that the items of laundry lying on the drum jacket can fall back to the interior of the drum on reducing the speed and the nominal value of the second speed ( $n_2$ ) can have a value at which the falling items of laundry execute a rolling movement in the drum area. The circumferential speed of the laundry drum at the first speed ( $n_1$ ) can be approximately 3.7 m/s and at the second speed ( $n_2$ ) less than 1.0 m/s.

At page 8, lines 15-26, please amend the specification as follows:

A washing machine comprising a speed control device for the drive motor of the laundry drum, and a washing machine comprising means (e.g., a speed control device) for controlling the drive motor of the laundry drum based on a circumferential speed in m/s of the laundry drum, and generating and sending control signals to the drive motor, are ~~are~~ provided according to the invention for application of the method. The speed control device can generate control signals for the drive motor such that in the washing and/or rinsing process the laundry drum is intermittently driven in alternating directions

of rotation at respectively different speeds in at least one intensive wetting phase (A) and at least one high wash mechanics phase (B). In addition to the speed control device, the washing machine can also be fitted with further control devices such as, for example, control electronics or power electronics. These control devices are interconnected by means of data or bus lines. For example, a control command or a control command sequence can be generated by power and/or control electronics and transmitted to the speed control device via the data or bus line.